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USFWS to hold a public meeting for the Draft Environmental Assessment for Construction of an Administrative Facility at the Edwin B. Forsythe National Wildlife Refuge

The U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service will hold a public meeting on November 17, 2015, at 7:00 p.m. at the Edwin B. Forsythe National Wildlife Refuge headquarters, 800 Great Creek Road in Galloway, NJ, to discuss and listen to comments on plans for the new construction of an administrative office building to support the operations of the refuge and the Service's Ecological Services New Jersey Field Office. The new building will replace the refuge's existing administrative building and eventually allow the Ecological Services Field Office to relocate from Absecon, NJ where it is currently leasing office space.

The proposed construction will occur in two phases, with the first phase being the completion of the refuge office's wing and the addition of a meeting room to the refuge Visitor Information Center occurring in 2016. The second phase will be construction of the Ecological Services Field Office's wing occurring in 2017. The project will also include the demolition and removal of the refuge's current administrative building once the first phase is complete.

The public is invited to view and comment on the draft environmental assessment during normal office hours at the Visitor Information Center at Edwin B. Forsythe NWR or on the refuge website (<http://www.fws.gov/Forsythe>).

The public comment period is open for 30 days. Please send written comments to the address below by December 10, 2015.

ADDRESS: Copies of the administrative building draft environmental assessment can be obtained from the Visitor Information Center of the Edwin B. Forsythe National Wildlife Refuge located at 800 Great Creek Road, Oceanville, NJ 08231. Comments should be addressed to: Virginia Rettig, Refuge Manager, Edwin B. Forsythe National Wildlife Refuge, P.O. Box 72, Oceanville, NJ 08231.

For more information, contact Refuge Manager Virginia Rettig at (609) 652-1665 or visit http://www.fws.gov/refuge/edwin_b_forsythe/.

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